## 2005 CNA AWARD NOMINATION

## NAGNA's Annual CNA "Key to Quality" Awards

Facility Missouri Veterans Home

City St. James, MO Phone 573-265-3271

CNA's Name Stacey Wethy Shift Days 6:30AM to 3 PM

How long employed two years Total years of CNA experience 13 years

Is the CNA an active member of NAGNA? (check one) \_X\_YES \_\_\_\_NO

If chosen, will CNA attend the awards ceremony? (check one) \_X\_YES \_\_\_\_NO

## Award CNA is being nominated for Preceptor of the Year

What sets this CNA apart from the others? (Give specific examples demonstrating why this nominee should be chosen over other nominees)

Stacey was selected by supervisors early on as someone to orient new staff because of her job skills, compassion for residents and staff alike, her consistent positive outlook, quality care, and effective communication skills. We knew Stacey would be a keeper from the first day we all met her. She has such a kind and gentle spirit, is willing to help wherever she is most needed and without complaint. She became a NAGNA certified preceptor in January 2005. In her two years here, Stacey has precepted countless new hires and also worked every day when here with the six high school students doing their 100 clinical CNA hours in our facility. Stacey is one of the most requested preceptors and always receives glowing remarks from her charges. She helped the Staff Development Coordinator develop and implement the new orientation mentor class at our facility which is the first step to becoming a NAGNA preceptor and is the treasurer for our newly formed NAGNA leadership team (who won the NAGNA Leadership Team of the month award in October 2004). She gives quality care always, puts resident needs and rights first place and makes everyone feel welcomed and important. She communicates well with nursing staff and administration and no job is too unpleasant or small to be done well. Her shift supervisor says "Stacey exemplifies best attitude in her ability to get along with residents and staff no matter which Core or hallway". She has voluntarily come back to help night shift three times since getting a position on day shift. Stacey thinks outside the box and comes up with solutions to problems rather than complaints. She has a beautiful smile she readily shares with residents, family and her co-workers on all shifts. She is able to get residents who can be hard to deal with to join in a care task more times than not. She has stressed how important a positive attitude is to all in completing the goal of quality care for our heroes; new staff rate her as "excellent" in all areas of precepting. One new CNA stated, "The first day I was here Stacey introduced me and everyone was great. I think there are awesome people working here." Stacey can find something positive in every situation and helps her co-workers to see it too. If we all had Stacey's attitude, the world would definitely be a great place ALL the time.

Submitted by: <u>Kathy Roe, Mistie Ball, Mary Hogue, Verlee Foust **Title** Co workers</u>
Nancy Maddox, RN Staff Deveolpment Coordinator